



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Maurice Portley was appointed to the Superior Court in 1991 and is currently assigned to Family Court. Previously, he served as Presiding Juvenile Court, spearheading reforms to provide better and more effective access to treatment for children with matters pending in the court. Judge Portley served a six-year term on the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the watchdog group that monitors and disciplines judges around the state. He has served on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission. He was named the 1999 Valley Leadership Man of the Year and The *Dollar and Sense* magazine named him among the Best and Brightest Professional Men and Women for 1997. He also received the 1995 Humanitarian Award of the Buffalo Soldier's Re-enactor's Association. Before becoming a judge, he was a partner in the firm of Jennings, Strouss and Salmon. He was also in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate's Corps from July 1979 through July 1984. He earned his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and his bachelor's degree from Arizona State University.



It is difficult to name all of the community activities in which Judge Portley participates. He is actively involved with or holds office in the Arizona Town Hall, Valley Leadership, A Stepping Stone Foundation, Great Arizona Puppet Theater, Phoenix Art Museum's Men's Arts Council, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He is merit badge counselor for Boy Scout Troop 605 and is involved in the Mayor's "Read to Me" project, Black Board of Directors' Project and Friends of the Phoenix Library. He is a member of the Hayzel B. Daniels Bar Association, National Bar Association, American Bar Association and Maricopa County Bar Association.